

65961-012 (701449US DIV)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: JOHN A. GARDNER, JR.

Serial No.: To be determined Group Art Unit: To be determined

Filed: Herewith Examiner: To be determined

For: TRIM ARTICLES WITH LIGHT STABLE COVERING
CONTAINING INVISIBLE TEAR SEAM, AND PROCESS OF
MAKING THE SAME

Attorney Docket No.: 65961-0129 (701449US-DIV)

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Patent Application
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

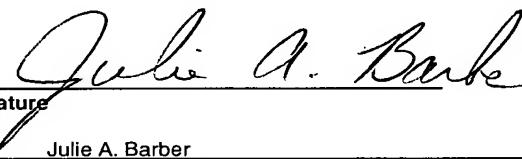
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

deposited with the United States Postal Service
with sufficient postage as Express Mail, Post Office
to Addressee, Mailing Label No.: EV223958189US,
addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop
Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.
to Examiner _____ at _____

Signature



Julie A. Barber

Date: December 12, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 9 of this paper.